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Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure that there is one rascal less in the world.—Carlyle.

ALOHA! THE McCARN FAMILY

Jeff McCarn, United States district attorney, has arrived and from first impressions, which usually prove correct ones, will be a welcome addition to the citizenry of the territory, from both an official and a social standpoint. With Mr. McCarn came his family—Mrs. McCarn—"Mother," as she is affectionately called by the district attorney—two daughters and a son and Mrs. Andrew Allison, mother of Mrs. McCarn.

To converse with the ladies of the McCarn household is almost to hear the band play "Dixie," so permeated are they with the atmosphere of the Sunny Southland. Mrs. Allison and Mrs. McCarn are delightful examples of the South as we find it portrayed by the novelist. Each might have walked out of a novel into our midst just as well as having experienced a rather tempestuous voyage in the prosaic transport Thomas. They should prove valuable additions to the social circles of this city each, undoubtedly, being fully capable of dispensing that hospitality for which their native state—Tennessee—together with the entire of Dixieland, is famous around the world.

Mr. McCarn is a man of strong personality and magnetism and should prove a worthy successor to his predecessor, who has commanded the respect of all who appreciate a fearless and conscientious administration of the office of district attorney. That Mr. McCarn is capable of following up the work of Mr. Breckons is evidenced by his record in Tennessee, as district attorney of Jefferson county, where he has shown himself the enemy of all law-breakers, and been instrumental in relieving the city of Nashville of the baneful influence of the gambler and has worked steadfastly for the cause of temperance.

When met on board the transport Mr. McCarn was loath to be interviewed as to his plans for the future, intimating that he would rather "talk." And, judging from past performance he will follow out this policy during his tenure of office.

Most fortunate is Hawaii in the selection of Mr. McCarn for this office, especially in the fact of his ardent advocacy of the cause of prohibition. Most fortunate is the territory in the appointment from the fact that the entire McCarn family is comprised of "just folks." The entire family is of a class that will be equally at home in the mansion or in the home of the laborer. The Star-Bulletin, whose representatives were first to welcome Mr. McCarn and family, as soon as the Thomas had been released from quarantine, will be first to support his every move for the good of Hawaii and sincerely believes that his every move will be for the good of Hawaii.

Aloha! the McCarn family.

PROMOTION WORK IN NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is undertaking the preservation of native customs and characteristics in a manner that is both appropriate and of real benefit to the country. There is a suggestion for local work in the following account from a recent article in Sunset Magazine, written by the manager of a moving picture company:

"In New Zealand we organized a band of sixty Maoris to assist in the moving-picture work.

HIGH TRIBUTE PAID BRECKONS

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able to consider the comment seriously.

Judge Do's said: "Mr. McCarn, the reports which preceded your arrival here have been unanimously favorable. It was a matter of considerable anxiety to us, the judges, when we heard sometime within the past two years that Mr. Breckons would not remain in the service much longer. It was a matter of great anxiety to us as to whom his successor might be; feeling that it might be so much a matter of politics that we should have a man that would be a handicap. That anxiety has subsided.

"The hardest task before you is to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Breckons' resignation. He is a man, in his prosecution of the work of the court most admirable in his unrelenting pursuit of violators of the law and yet he has such a great heart that when he gets a man convicted he is sorry

for him. Mr. Breckons also has been of great assistance to the court as far as I am concerned and I presume the case is the same with my associate. I have come to him for counsel, for information in regard to the law, the statutes and precedents. He has an encyclopedic memory which has been of vast convenience to the court. I believe you will find the work here interesting; perhaps more varied in the criminal side of the court than you find to exist in the courts in the middle states of the mainland. We shall expect similar assistance from you in the way of counsel and advise as Mr. Breckons has furnished us and we look for the pleasant relations which have existed heretofore. We feel that you will have a very pleasant experience in the work here.

"Mr. Breckons, the court regrets your resignation. You may be assured we shall miss you. We shall remember very pleasantly the assistance you have given us. We shall remember your cheery disposition, your good humor, your optimism which have gone a good ways in solving the administration of the affairs of this court. We wish you every success in the private practice which you are to take up and believe that your experience here, your record for ability and integrity,

At Whakarewarewa, near Rotorua in the North Island, the government has reconstructed complete in every detail, a native 'pah' or fortified village on a hilltop. Here, amid a setting of magnificent natural scenery—mountains, lake, river and steaming geysers—with all around us the thatched 'whares' or dwelling huts, elaborately carved meeting houses, food stores on raised platforms, watch-towers and palisades, we had ready to our hand all the essential materials for a realistic reproduction of the beautiful Maori legends and the Homeric tales of their wars in historic times.

"Our Maori friends entered into the task with whole-hearted enthusiasm. Each day meat and potatoes were baked in earth ovens in the old-fashioned style, and with feasts and dances, sports and mimic fights, the memories of ancient native life were brought back again. For the old people it was simply a return to the days of young manhood or womanhood; for the middle-aged the vivid recollections of childhood were being once more visualized; for the youthful Maoris, bright, clever and well educated, the camping out, the wearing of feather robes, and the dancing of war 'hakas,' combined all the pleasures of a picnic, outdoor theatricals and a historical pageant.

"And in the art of acting some of them, both old and young, manifested rare instinctive ability—their keen zest, their quick apprehension of details, their power of playing for the play itself and not for the camera or the throng of interested spectators, came as a delightful surprise. Garments, weapons, canoes, domestic utensils, articles of personal adornment—in short, all the 'properties,' to use the theatrical word—were genuine, so that with real Maori players and real Maori stories these picture dramas can claim to be of high educational value.

"For within a very few years it will be impossible to reconstruct and record such ethnological scenes in New Zealand. Not that the Maori race is disappearing. But the Maori is an ex-savage not merely of fine physique but of splendid intelligence, and the younger generation is being absorbed into the civilized population with remarkable facility and rapidity.

THEY ALL SAY THE SAME! BUT—

According to an article in the Nashville Tennessean and American of Nov. 30 and reproduced in this issue of the Star-Bulletin, a farewell banquet was given to Jeff McCarn the preceding evening at which the U. S. district attorney voiced the sentiment that he would be returning to Tennessee in a few years. Probably he felt that way at the time but that is excusable, as this is his first trip to Hawaii and, judging from the remarks made by Mr. McCarn, Mrs. McCarn and the McCarn children, it is a safe bet that Mr. McCarn shortly will send back word to tell "Old Rose," the McCarn family cow, and ship the McCarn household goods to Honolulu. They all intend to go back when they leave home, but that is before the Paradise of the Pacific casts its spell over them.

The horrors of Mexican warfare are added to considerably by the pictures of the embattled leaders published daily.

Wilson's financial blockade has at least put Huerta where the income tax has no terrors.

Porfirio Diaz evidently prefers a castle in Spain to a Villa in Mexico.

will go a long way toward your success in your private practice."

A few remarks of a similar nature were made by Judge Clemons. Assistant U. S. District Attorney C. C. Bittling spoke briefly, testifying to the conscientious manner in which Breckons has fulfilled his duties and the unvarying friend he has been to his associates throughout that time. Attorney Frank E. Thompson, president of the Bar Association of Hawaii, extended the friendly hand for the members of his fraternity and Breckons spoke feelingly of his service and associations, saying he could ask no more than that the court extend to his successor the same consideration and generous co-operation it has shown him.

Mr. Breckons said: "If the Court please, if I may be granted the indulgence for a moment, on leaving my office, I wish to record my appreciation of the many kindnesses which have been shown me by the court; the consideration always shown for my many shortcomings. The court and its officers have always been ready as far as the public business would permit, to accommodate yourselves to my convenience and at all times render me assistance. These words perhaps seem conventional and stereotyped, but however that may be, they are not. I mean every one sincerely. I ask for my successor,

COMMISSION OF JEFF McCARN AND OATH OF OFFICE HE TOOK

Jeff McCarn's commission from the president reads as follows: "Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States of America, to all who shall see these presents greeting: Know ye, that, reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity, ability and learning of Jeff McCarn, of Tennessee, I have nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the senate, do appoint him attorney of the United States, and for the Territory of Hawaii and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that office according to law, and to have and to hold the said office with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of rights appertaining unto him, the said Jeff McCarn for the term of six years from the date hereof subject to the conditions prescribed by law. In testimony whereof I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the Seal of the Department of Justice to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the 6th day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-eighth.

"Woodrow Wilson—By the President; A. C. Reynolds, Attorney-General. (Seal.)"

The oath of office, taken this morning, is in the following words: "I, Jeff McCarn do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true and faithful allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Attorney of the United States in and for the Territory of Hawaii, on which I am about to enter. So help me God. Jeff McCarn."

Subscribed and sworn before Judge of the United States district court.

Mr. McCarn, the same consideration at the hands of the court and its officers. I take pleasure in saying to him that I believe it will be afforded and that he will be benefited greatly by it."

Appreciates Kindness.

Every official and employee of the federal court was present at the little ceremony. Among others were Attorney W. H. Smith of Hilo, Clem Quinn, Judge Alex. Lindsay, Attorney General W. H. Thayer, A. L. C. Atkinson, Joseph Lightfoot, C. E. Andrews and Judge R. P. Quarles; Walter F. Frear, the ex-governor, was the only member of the new, Mr. Frear, Prosner, Anderson & Mack to be absent, and Judge W. P. Lymer was the only member of the firm of Thompson, Wilder, Watson & Lymer to be absent. Internal Revenue Collector C. A. Cottrill was there, as was also H. L. Sauer, the "back-bone" candidate for Cottrill's job who suddenly flashed forth from his retirement.

As a token of esteem and best wishes to the retiring district attorney the officials and employees of the federal court presented to him this morning an order for a handsome roll-top desk and office chair, to cost \$90. Breckons announces that he is retiring to private practice with headquarters on the second floor of the Spreckels building, where his office is at present being fitted.

Must Secure Successor.

The weight of responsibility already has been impressed upon the new district attorney. He must now select a successor to C. C. Bittling, who has so ably assisted Breckons the last few years, as well as select an additional stenographer and seek to fill the place left vacant by Miss Charlotte T. Sackett, who accompanied Breckons into his downtown office and private practice. Miss Sackett came to Hawaii with Breckons and has been in his employ for the last 17 years.

"Do you think I'd let her stay in this office now?" asks Breckons. "Not much."

Attorney Bittling reiterated today the statement he made a few weeks ago: that he will remain in the office until McCarn can find another for the place, a job which the latter may find no sinecure. He already has a number of applications from men on the mainland for the place, however, and may eventually select one of them. It is generally admitted among the local fraternity that the salary, \$2000 per annum, is not commensurate with the work and ability the office demands.

McCarn Family Located.

Mrs. Stanley A. Strader, the remaining stenographer in the district attorney's office, is employed under the civil service regulations and probably will retain her position.

Breckons already has plenty of work in his capacity as a private practitioner. He is still special prosecuting attorney for the territory in the graft cases on Hawaii, and may go to Hilo as soon as the matter of office detail has been made clear to his successor in the federal court.

Jeff McCarn and his family, on the urgent invitation of Mrs. Frear have made ex-Governor Frear's Punahou residence their temporary home. They will begin housekeeping in a home of their own as soon as a satisfactory location can be found and the necessary furnishings installed. All the household goods were left behind in Nashville and they expect to start anew in Hawaii, seeking to make this in every way their real home.

HONOLULU WELCOMES McCARN FAMILY TO TERRITORY OF HAWAII

Though the present journey is his first west of the state of Texas and he is an entire stranger to the Pa-

cific and to this territory, the reception, amounting to an ovation, which was accorded Jeff McCarn and his family on the arrival of the transport Thomas yesterday morning instantly wiped out the last vestige of homesickness that had gathered among them during the rough nine-day trip from San Francisco on the slow troopship.

Hawaii and her people were at their best in the welcome to the little family of six, a welcome and evidence of Hawaii's hospitality epitomized by Mrs. Mary Dillingham Frear, wife of former Governor Frear, who, as one of the first to greet the newcomers at the pier yesterday morning, graciously placed the magnificent Frear home on Punahou street at the disposal of the McCarns.

She informed them of her husband's absence and that she herself expected to go away for a time, asking that Mr. McCarn and his family take immediate possession of the Punahou mansion, making it their home until, at their leisure, they have selected a permanent residence of their own.

Welcomed by the Band.

Before the transport passed into Honolulu harbor the new district attorney was met and welcomed aboard the vessel by Immigration Inspector Richard L. Halsey and two newspaper men. At the dock as the ship drew alongside, several hundred civilians, Democrats and Republicans alike, awaited eagerly the first opportunity to rush aboard, while the Royal Hawaiian band made the scene impressive with the music of "Aloha Oe," a piece which Mr. McCarn and his family eventually will come to know and love as all Hawaiians now do.

The family party consists of Mrs. McCarn, the wife, three charming children, Miss Cornelia, Allison and Miss Mardy D., and Mrs. McCarn's mother, Mrs. Andrew Allison.

"This is the most beautiful thing I have ever seen," declared the new district attorney enthusiastically, as he gazed out over the green-clad hills of Oahu from the ship's deck, "and I am quite prepared to love it even as my own dear southern home, Nashville, Tennessee. They offered me a similar position at Nome, Alaska, but I chose Hawaii instead."

This official, who is to be one of Hawaii's leading official and political powers for the next six years has every appearance of the true Democrat and warm-hearted Southerner. Medium in stature, well built, and somewhat heavier than his official predecessor, Robert W. Breckons, he has the inimitable bearing of southern dignity, a dignity without coolness, the simplicity and directness of a home-like, lovable gentleman.

Anxious for the Fray.

In response to questions he stated that he desires at once to assume the duties of his office and become acquainted with the people as rapidly as possible, though he could not say how soon he would be ready to visit other parts of the territory to make the acquaintance of the citizens in their home towns. Acquiring a familiarity with the routine of the office probably will keep him busy for some time.

Not all the men of Hawaii were strangers to him when McCarn arrived yesterday. At Washington, while the confirmation of his appointment was pending, he met and had long conversations with both former Governor Frear and the incoming chief executive, L. E. Pinkham. That a very friendly basis already has been established between him and Governor Pinkham for their future work together in Hawaii as Democracy's leading representatives is the impression given, as the result of his remarks on that subject.

Against Drunkenness.

Perhaps the keynote to the policy he will pursue in the administration of federal affairs in the territory was

given by Mr. McCarn when he reiterated the anti-liquor statements for which he had become famous in his home state, saying:

"There are two things I am against: I am opposed to gambling and drunkenness."

Led by Mayor Joseph Fern a crowd of several hundred men and more than a score of the prominent ladies of Honolulu went aboard the transport to greet the new official and his family, and a big, informal reception immediately took place on the deck before Mr. McCarn and his family had an opportunity to land. He and his relatives were taken immediately in hand and escorted to the Young Hotel, and today, accepting the fine hospitality of Mrs. Frear, they will take up their temporary abode at her Punahou residence.

Among the first to greet them yesterday was the former district attorney, R. W. Breckons, and he further extended his hospitality in the afternoon by taking the two McCarn young ladies, with Miss Breckons, his own daughter, on a ride out around Diamond Head, while L. L. McCandless took Mr. and Mrs. McCarn, Mrs. Allison and Allison McCarn on an automobile ride to the Pal.

United States District Attorney Jeff McCarn, accompanied by Assistant U. S. District Attorney Bittling, called at army headquarters this morning to pay his respects to General Funston. The department commander, however, is at Haleiwa for three days, conducting the annual riding test for field officers, so he and Uncle Sam's newly arrived legal representative did not meet.

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